

LATCHSTRING IS OUT FOR PEACHES; PROBE OF ACID THROWING POSSIBLE

Rumor of Deal To Settle Strife For \$200,000

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Enter the state in the Peaches Heenan-Browning melodrama!

Peaches, the modern Cinderella whose Rolls-Royce chariot has turned into a 15 and 5 taxicab, still is hiding from her elderly husband, and apparently does not want to see him again.

But if the state has its way, and it usually does, Peaches, Bunny and Mrs. Catherine Heenan, the third angle to that curious triangle, may meet each other again. And the meeting will have been pre-arranged. The district attorney may want to question all three.

Interested in Acid Throwing

For the official prosecutors have become interested in the little matter of acid throwing that took place a short time before the wedding of Peaches and Browning and which disfigured the girl's face to such an extent that it marred an otherwise glorious honeymoon.

Following the startling story published yesterday exclusively in The GRAPHIC, which revealed that the acid hurling was not an accident, but a deliberate attempt on the part of an enraged woman who believed she was more entitled to the attentions of the millionaire realtor, Assistant District Attorney Ferdinand Pecora declared that a rigid investigation would be undertaken.

His office is particularly anxious to know what information Mrs. Heenan, the mother, has to give on the acid-throwing incident.

Imprisonment Is Punishment

For the throwing of acid with intent to injure and maim still is considered a crime in the city and state of New York and punishable by imprisonment.

And about the throwing of the acid revolves the entire romance of the white-haired lover and the young, unsophisticated girl, a romance that hid beneath the glitter of tinsel illusions the tragic facts of a sordid reality.

According to information obtained from a close intimate of the Heenans, the acid was aimed at Browning. He had just returned from an evening's entertainment with Peaches when he was suddenly confronted by a woman who believed she had a just claim on his affections.

Stirred to anger by the sight of the two familiarly speaking to each other, the woman hurled the acid at Browning. Despite his age he agilely ducked, and it struck the face of Peaches, who had remained upright.

Then followed a long and heated explanation, in which Browning, in glowing words, told of his love for Peaches and of his intentions to wed her at once. He was taken at his word.

Right to Win Parents

Another angle revealed by an intimate friend of the Heenans deals with the chivalry of Daddy Browning and of the mistake that resulted therefrom.

Like many another swain, when he began to pay court to Frances he considered it good policy to win over the heart of the parents, too. His actions toward Mrs. Catherine Heenan were worthy of the days of knighthood. Unfortunately, Mrs. Heenan at first mistook his diplomatic attentions.

When she finally learned that it was her daughter that Browning coveted, the relations between them altered. It was about that time that the acid incident oc-

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Investigate Her Burns



AN INVESTIGATION of the burns sustained by Frances (Peaches) Browning may be undertaken by District Attorney Ferdinand Pecora (above in inset), it is revealed by The GRAPHIC today. Yesterday this paper bared the details of the acid burning incident.

Babe Ruth Gave Sick Lad Promise to Make Home Run

By GRAPHIC Staff Correspondent

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 7.—Credit for yesterday's 10-5 victory of the Yankees over the Cardinals probably will go to Babe Ruth but it should go to 11-year-old Johnny Sylvester, who is near death in Essex Falls, N. J.

Before the game yesterday, both Cardinal and Yankee teams received a message from Horace C. Sylvester, Jr., of Essex Falls, a vice-president of the National City Company. He wrote that his son was near death and that, as his last wish, he had asked for a baseball bearing the autographs of Yankee and Cardinal players.

The St. Louis players wrote their names on one baseball, with the message: "To Johnny Sylvester. Hoping you will soon be batting a thousand per cent. in health."

The Yankee players did likewise, and wrote: "To Johnny Sylvester: We're glad to know that you knocked the bug for a home run."

Babe Ruth wrote: "I'll knock a home run for you."

The baseballs and the messages were dispatched by air mail to Essex Falls, N. J., and the two teams ambled out on the field before 40,000 persons to play ball. The Babe hit a home run for Johnny in the first and third innings and then one more in the sixth, and all of them were among the hardest and most vicious clouts he had ever made.

Johnny Sylvester Better

ESSEX FALLS, N. J., Oct. 7.—Johnny Sylvester, son of Horace C. Sylvester, today was reported to be improving. He slept all last night,

and his temperature has gone down two degrees. In his room are two baseballs autographed by Yankee and Cardinal players, and on his bed is a newspaper with headlines reading:—

"Babe Ruth Hits Three Home Runs."

Apartment Hotels With "Pantries" Ruled Tenements

In the opinion of Tenement House Commissioner W. C. Martin, apartment hotels of the new type, where each suite has a serving (cooking) pantry, are not according to the spirit of the law.

In a word, these "pantries" put many new structures, including the Park Lane, under the tenement house law.

An order to vacate one hotel will be issued within a few days, Commissioner Martin said, to test his ruling in the courts as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the Bureau of Buildings has threatened to withhold certificates of occupancy.

An apartment hotel owners' association has been formed to grapple with the situation. Morris White is one of the directors.

Boy Shot by Bandits In Auto Dies as Cops Hunt for Bum Rodgers

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 7.—Robert Kearney, 16, of Maplewood, died in St. Peter's General Hospital here at 7.50 a. m. today from internal hemorrhages which resulted from a bullet wound in his head. He was shot by two bandits who killed his father, Frank Kearney, on the Stelton-Newmarket road near here Monday night.

Young Kearney was conscious for several hours preceding his death. His mother and his two brothers were at his bedside, as was Charles Collins, a Middlesex county detective, who had hoped the boy would revive sufficiently to make a statement of the circumstances under which he was shot. He was not able to make such a statement, however.

Mother Is Prostrated

Mrs. Kearney, who was thrown from her automobile by the bandits after they had killed her husband and shot her son, was prostrated when a physician told her Robert was dead. She required medical attention.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 7.—Archie Mucchi of Bound Brook, one of the two men arrested in connection with the murder, was released early today by state police who questioned him for several hours.

His companion, Paul Luciano, is still being held and it is believed that police will continue to grill him today.

The slayers are believed to have been members of a gang of seven, headed by John (Bum) Rodgers, which planned to rob the air mail truck on its way from New Brunswick to Hadley Field.

Bound Brook police do not believe that Mucchi and Luciano were actually participants in the slaying. One of the killers has been identified positively from photographs in the rogue's gallery as James (Killer) Cuniffe, Bum Rodgers's lieutenant.

Corp. Matthew Daly and State Trooper Eugene Haussline arrested Luciano and Mucchi in the main street of Bound Brook last night and brought them here to police headquarters for questioning by Sergt. William O'Neill.

Police believe that Paul was talking to Bum Rodgers and Cuniffe in a Bound Brook restaurant shortly before the air mail killing.

SCORE "BLUE SKY" LAW

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 7.—Constitutionality of the Martin act, under which the attorney general acts to prevent the sale to the general public of worthless stock, has been attacked for the second time in the Court of Appeals.

Accused Mayor Flays 'Pact' With Klan as Forgery

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Oct. 7

(By U. P.).—Mayor John L. Duvall of Indianapolis today issued a heated denial to charges that he promised to let D. C. Stephenson, former Klan leader, dictate city appointments in return for Stephenson's political support.

The charges were made by Thomas H. Adams, Vincennes editor and head of a committee investigating alleged corruption in state politics during the regime of Stephenson as Klan dragon and political boss. Stephenson is now in Indiana penitentiary for the murder of a young woman.

Adams produced in support of his charges a photostatic copy of a letter purported to have been written by Duvall to Stephenson when Duvall was making the race for election as mayor.

The letter promised that certain appointments would not be made until Stephenson had approved them if Stephenson supported Duvall, according to the copy. Duvall branded the letter as a "forgery" and offered a cash reward to any one who would produce the original.

Kip and Alice Appeals Will Be Heard in 2 Weeks

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Oct. 7.

—A joint hearing of the appeal of Leonard Kip Rhinelander from the judgment of the jury which denied last November his application for annulment of his marriage to Alice Beatrice Jones and the appeal from the awarding of \$15,000 counsel fee to Lee Parsons Davis, Mrs. Rhinelander's counsel, will be heard by the Appellate Division in Brooklyn within two weeks, it was said today by Judge Samuel F. Swinburne, Mrs. Rhinelander's attorney.

Judge Swinburne denied that Mrs. Rhinelander was about to start separation proceedings.

Six Girl Strikers Get 5 Days in Jail as Pickets

Refusing to pay fines of \$25 each, twenty striking garment workers, including six women, were sentenced to five days in jail by Magistrate Jesse Silberman in Jefferson Market Court.

Police rounded up a total of forty-four strikers who were charged with disorderly conduct in picketing the shops of their former employers.

Charles L. Craig, former comptroller, who is aiding the strikers, expressed indignation over the severity of the sentences and described the sentences as unjust.

Patrolman Fred Frenger of the West 30th Street station, on strike duty, testified that his superior, Capt. Carmody, said to him: "If any one is picketing lock him up."

One patrolman said that he had made the arrests because "the pickets walked up and down the block and he got tired of telling them to move on."